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# Washington Scene . . . By George Dixon

## Another Lap for the Reveres?

A HEROIC horde of Republican Paul Reveres rode out of Washington at the congressional Easter recess to warn the rest of the country of the Democratic menace. A few thousand Republican heroines have just ridden into Washington to spread the same warning here. By now the whole Nation ought to be pretty well alarmed.



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There has been some debate as to which hard-riding brigade has implanted the most terror in the most hearts, but I am sticking up for the gallant delegates to the 11th annual Republican Women's Conference, now rampaging in our midst. I would deem it unchivalrous of me to rate the GOP ladies as second-class terrorists.

True, there was something

rather frightening in the spectacle of almost two score Congressmen and a Congresswoman, most of whom had never been closer to a horse than the S2 window, galloping about the country calling themselves Paul Reveres.

The ladies rough-rode into our town by bus, but this wasn't the most horrendous of the hardships they endured to alert us to the New Frontier threat. They subsisted on box lunches.

They further demonstrated that indomitable hearts beat beneath fair bosoms by withstanding the shock engendered by the fairest and most indomitable of them all, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine.

BACK IN February, when most partisans of the GOP began picking sides for a presidential battle between New York's Nelson A. Rockefeller and Arizona's Sen. Barry Goldwater, Mrs. Smith announced for a ticket with both champions on it.

She followed up the jolt by saying that when this resulted in a Republican President he should raise the Senate of selected Republicans and Democrats to fill his Cabinet and any Supreme Court appointments that might come open.

At that time she wanted New York's Kenneth Keating shanghaied from the Senate to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This jarred many Republicans who felt Sen. Keating might lack the unobtrusive qualities of a good spy.

A few managed, however, to adjust to the idea of Mr. Keating replacing Nose McCone. But they were jarred loose again when Sen. Smith went on Sen. Keating's TV show and suggested he run for President himself. Keating then picked her for his vice presidential running mate, both having apparently forgotten all about Rockefeller and Goldwater, who presumably now can fight it out as to which will be CIA Director.

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